

continuation of the term of occupancy to be agreed upon."

**Amendment Rejected.**  
Just before the adoption of the above resolution the following amendment was proposed:

"The visiting staff shall be composed of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, provided that any patient who shall in his emergency be carried to the hospital can summon his family physician upon the approval of the visiting staff."

This was rejected 3 to 2, as follows: Ayes—Messrs. Dock and McCarthy; noes—Messrs. Folkes, Hirschberg and Whitte. Mr. Hirschberg took the ground that it largely expressed his views, but that it would be better to have the Council accept the hospital without strings, leaving the Administrative Board and the medical college to draw up a proper contract to provide for its operation.

The resolution adopted omits reference to taking over 1220 and 1222 East Second Street as home for the hospital. It is believed that this was an oversight, as there had been no difference of opinion on this point, acceptance of the nurses' home being conditional on the operation of the hospital.

**Many-Attended Meeting.**

At a well-attended meeting of the Business Men's Club yesterday afternoon the matter of accepting the Virginia Hospital, located at 1220 and 1222 East Second Street, was discussed. President Alvin M. Smith introduced Councilman Jacob Umfau, who was asked to discuss the question whether the city should accept the hospital and operate it for the benefit of doctors at large. Mr. Umfau reviewed in some detail the movement for a city hospital independent of the almshouse, telling of his own opposition to the plan, and his change of mind after the meeting of the trustees of the Memorial Hospital to turn that building over to the city on certain conditions. He opposed the proposition, he said, because it would not have full control. Later propositions for a city hospital, he said, "emanated from the same source."

"Now we have a proposition from the medical college," continued Mr. Umfau, "to loan the city the Virginia Hospital for a period of years. There is nothing in that resolution about bringing the university medical school here. The City Council is not asked to that project. We have done nothing to delay this matter. It was voted on the night it came to the council. The delay was occasioned by those who are busy and got the Board of Aldermen to amend the proposition."

**Did Not Have All the Facts.**  
"If the facts had been laid before us as they were, before the Administrative Board to-day, the situation would have been different, but we didn't have those facts. We were merely offered a proposition for a free hospital for the poor, and not for the medical college."

"It is not a free loan. They want to control it. My amendment merely says that any patient who is attended by his family physician, when desired, when it meets with the approval of the chief of the visiting staff, isn't that enough control? You know how quick these surgeons are to sign a man upon when sometimes a family physician, who knows the man from head to foot, may know that it isn't necessary."

The staff would have ample right under his amendment to exclude the negro physician, Mr. Umfau argued. He protested at length that he never attempted in an underhand way to defeat a measure, but in this case he felt it his duty to protect the citizens and taxpayers, who have got to pay the bill."

He described the Virginia Hospital as an "old, dilapidated, antiquated building, dark and dreary, and predicted that if the consolidation suggested goes through the city would soon be hustled to provide more room for medical college buildings. Notwithstanding its defects, he was of opinion that it could be made a good building, and in view of the city's need, he was in favor of accepting it on proper terms."

**Mr. Hunton Outlines Plan.**  
Mr. Hunton outlined the plan of the college, as a result of the recent consolidation of the local schools, now owns a hospital equipped and ready for use. It is for the use of the citizens of Richmond, and given mainly by citizens of Richmond, and is a fine facility for students in the local medical college. The college had tendered the Virginia to the city for a period of years, to be determined and definitely set by contract. It would be for the indigent sick of Richmond, and from which the medical college could get the incidental benefit of clinical facilities. He suggested a definite contract, renewable by the city in less time, if the city desires to build its own hospital."

Mr. Umfau had told of a friend of his with a crushed foot, who had refused to allow a surgeon to amputate, and had doctored it himself and recovered. Mr. Hunton remarked that he had himself recently had a serious illness, which had necessitated surgery, and which would not be cured by the use of hot water. Highly as he regarded his family physician, the connection of that doctor with his case had caused him to enter one of the local hospitals, and the surgeons became responsible for his treatment."

Most of the patients, he said, who would enter a city hospital would have family physicians, and those that did would, in many instances, get them from the cheapest and least efficient grade of practitioners, the least expert gaining the practice among the poor because of their low charges."

**Would Open Way to Exercise Power.**  
"Mr. Umfau would put on the surgeon in charge," said Mr. Hunton, "the onerous duty of passing on the qualification of each doctor, and of turning

over the hospital to the hands of a visiting staff, composed of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, provided that any patient who shall in his emergency be carried to the hospital can summon his family physician upon the approval of the visiting staff."

Mr. Harwood asked if its resolution, with the proviso as to calling in family physicians in emergency cases, met with the views of both sides.

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The question was called for, and the Harwood motion was unanimously adopted.

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some down. His amendment would enable the family physician to put his patient here, and instead of the patient receiving free expert treatment from specialists in his disease, would have some outside doctor to charge large fees.

"You have got to trust some people in the affairs of this life. Don't you suppose, as a matter of courtesy, the physicians in charge of any case would like to have the family physician in conference? But when you give it as an absolute right, you jeopardize the patient, you take from the student the clinical advantages, and from the city the large educational and financial returns which the upbuilding of a great medical school would bring. It would mean a loss of clinical material, a loss of discipline, and would open the way to its being used as a private hospital by individual physicians."

"We proposed an amendment to the Administrative Board satisfactory to the medical college. Three voted against it, but one of those three has given us the assurance that when the Council has acted, a fair and satisfactory contract can be made between the college and the Administrative Board. The business management is to be absolutely under the Administrative Board. There has never been any question about that. The medical college desires nothing but control of the medical aspect—that part of the work of the hospital for which they are held responsible."

**University Consolidation.**

"We believe the day is not far distant when the medical department of the University of Virginia will absorb the Medical College of Virginia, with all its property, and will have a four-year medical course in Richmond. It would draw a far larger following by such a consolidation, and would bring to Richmond a corps of medical teachers as able as any in this land, and would enable us to send out graduates to every part of the earth. It will bring to Richmond a larger annual expenditure than any single industrial enterprise. We have already asked the State for \$15,000 a year for support of the Memorial Hospital for the indigent sick of the State. It will further increase our clinical advantages, and our opportunities for aiding the unfortunate."

Mr. Umfau said that from what he had read in the newspaper, papers, opposing factions were not far apart, but he put little confidence in newspapers.

Mr. Henry Harwood offered the following resolution, which, he stated, he believed would be acceptable to both sides:

**The Harwood Resolution.**

"Resolved, by the Business Men's Club at a special called meeting of its members, held December 29, 1913:

"1. That the Board of Aldermen and Common Council be urged and requested to agree that the visiting staff shall be composed of a faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, provided that any patient who shall in an emergency be carried to the hospital can summon his family physician upon the approval of the visiting staff."

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## CHAMBER TO ACT ON HOSPITAL PLAN

Travelers' Protective Association Also to Go on Record as to Important Issues.

A general meeting of the membership of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the new chamber building, corner of Sixth and Main Streets, to take action in regard to the acceptance by the city of the Virginia Hospital. In view of the open unwillingness of many high-skilled workmen to take employment in Richmond, through the fact that it injured in any way they will be carried to the almshouse, and the lack of adequate facilities for the relief of the sick poor of the city, and also in view of the manner in which the provision of clinical material in a great public hospital is interwoven in the proposition for bringing the medical department of the University of Virginia to Richmond, the matter is regarded as of vital importance, both to the sick and to the development of Richmond as a medical center. The meeting is not to raise money, the call states, but to give expression to public opinion on the subject, and which has now reached a critical stage.

**T. P. A. to Hold Meeting.**

Post A. Travelers' Protective Association, at its regular monthly meeting to-night will place itself on record both in regard to the hospital matter and other issues of vital importance now before the city. Oliver J. Sands, president of the American National Bank, will speak on "Why One of the Regional Reserve Banks Should be Located in Richmond." James F. Ryland will speak on the advantages of a reserve bank to the manufacturers and wholesalers of Richmond.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the Medical College of Virginia, will tell of the benefits to be secured by the city if the Virginia Hospital is taken over by the faculty of the medical college. It is expected that the municipal side of the hospital controversy will be closed by a member of the City Council.

W. B. Criddle, author of the travelers' suffrage bill, will explain how, under his plan, the traveling man may cast his vote, although a long distance from home, on election day. The meeting will be open, and every traveling man in the city is invited to be present.

**KILLED BY COMPANION.**

Target Rifle Discharged and Boy Falls Dead.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va., December 29.—A tragedy occurred at the home of J. H. chardist, seven miles south of Dillins Mill Sunday morning, when little Jack, a nine-year-old son of a neighbor, was shot and killed when a rifle in the hands of Ammon Mills, who had been visiting, was discharged.

Discharged child had gone into the yard to shoot at a target. The younger brother, who was playing with him, was hit in the chest by the bullet. The boy was taken to a hospital, but died shortly thereafter.

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**RAILROAD MAN KILLED.**

Steps From Front of One Train and Is Hit by Another.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Clifton Forge, Va., December 29.—Mason Nicely, 40 years of age, who was employed in the Chesapeake and Ohio shops in this city, was instantly killed just west of Clifton Forge, when he was struck by a fast passenger train. Nicely was walking on the tracks, and was in front of another train. The body of the man was not found until three hours later. An inquest was held, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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